one annual increment during the period referred to. They were given the same because they deserved it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja—May I know how many increments may be given to each of these?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Two.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I have asked for the reason for the special treatment in each case. The answer is 'because they deserved it.' May I know whether increments are sometimes given to people who do not deserve it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Allegations against the Forest Department.

79. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what has come out of the correspondence referred to in the answer to question No. 99 of the legislative session of 1105?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The subordinates found fault with have been punished.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know the name of the subordinate and what was the punishment meted out?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) J. H. Williams, Ranger, was awarded 3 black-marks and one Mr. N. Seshu Ayyar, the Forester, was suspended for three months and another Forester Velu Nayar was suspended for 3 months.

Sub-committee appointed by the Economic Development Committee.

80. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the sub-committee appointed by the Economic Development Committee has recommended the appointment of a Special Officer to be in charge of irrigation; and if not,

(b) what is the recommendation of the above sub-committee;

(c) whether the recommendation of the sub-committee has been approved by the Economic Committee;

(d) whether the recommendation of the aforementioned sub-committee has been submitted to the Government by the Economic Development Committee; and if so,

(e) what orders have been passed by the Government thereon?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) No

(b) The report of the sub-committee is appended. (*Vide Appendix I*).

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(c) Yes.
(d) Yes.
(e) Government have not yet passed orders.

Type-writing machines.

81. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(a) the names of offices in whieh there are type-writing machines ;

(b) the number of machines now in each office ;

(c) the names of typists who are in charge of these machines ;

(d) the qualification of these typists in typing, stating the examinations they have passed ;

(e) whether there is any rule that type-writing machines should not be handled by unqualified men ;

(f) the annual expenses for the last three years for repairing type-writing machines ;

(g) of the total number of typists now in service, how many are (1) Caste-Hindus (2) non-caste Hindus (3) Christians (4) Jews and (5) Muslims ;

(h) how many from each of the above five communities are employed as typists in each department ;

(i) how many typists were appointed annually in the last two years and of whom how many have qualified themselves by passing type-writing examination ;

(j) how many unqualified hands there are now in service holding temporary appointments ;

(k) whether it is the policy of the Government to appoint unqualified hands when there are qualified hands available as typists ;

(l) how many applications from qualified typists have been received by each department in 1104 and 1105 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). A statement containing the information so far collected is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(e) Yes

		Rs.	A.	P.	
(f)	1103	138	14	0	From the information so far collected.
	1104	64	3	9	
	1105	35	12	0	

(g) and (h). The statement appended contains the information.

(i) 14 and 13 respectively.
(j) Nil.
(k) No.

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(f) ഓവർസീയർ കല്പന അനുസരിച്ചു റിപ്പോർട്ട് എപ്പോൾ അയച്ചു; താമസം നേരിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു കാരണമെന്തു്:

(g) ഓവർസീയരോടു സമാധാനം ചോദിക്കുകയുണ്ടായോ;

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—(a) ഉണ്ടു്.

(b) ബ്ലാങ്ങാച്ചാൽ ഗതാഗതത്തിനു സൌകര്യപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ അകപ്പയർ ചെയ്യുന്നതിലേക്കു നടപടി നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടു്.

അഴീക്കോടു—കാരറോഡിൽ കല്ലുവിരിക്കുവാൻ കൺട്രാക്ടു് ഏല്പിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു.

(c) അറ്റകുറ്റത്തോടു ഉപയോഗിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ ബ്ലാങ്ങാച്ചാലിൽ കൂടെ ഗതാഗതം ചെയ്യുകയായിരിക്കും നല്ലതു്.

(d) (a) യിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന ഹർജികൾ മാത്രമെ കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ളൂ. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അവയുടെ പകർപ്പു മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെയ്ക്കുവാൻ ആവശ്യം കാണുന്നില്ല.

(e) അസിസ്റ്റാൻറു് എഞ്ചിനീയർക്കു [illegible] യിൽ കല്പന അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(f) & (g) അസിസ്റ്റാൻറു് എഞ്ചിനീയർ റിപ്പോർട്ടു് അയച്ചിട്ടില്ല. അദ്ദേഹത്തെ രണ്ടുപ്രാവശ്യം ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുള്ളതല്ലാതെ സമാധാനം ചോദിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 80.)

True copy of the Sub-Committee's report.

We do not think that there is scope in the Cochin State for a separate Irrigation Department, but at the same time, we would urge the retention permanently, of the separate Irrigation Investigation Section now working in the Public Works Department.

Irrigation schemes proposed by that Section, should, if of considerable magnitude, be always got scrutinised by an independent expert of acknowledged ability in the line. Such approved schemes may be got executed under the direction of the State Public Works Department and the Expert who scrutinised the scheme may, if necessary, be asked to visit the work in progress in its several stages according to requirements. We are of opinion that this arrangement will ensure our obtaining the best technical advice in connection with the projects.

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